

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/774,103	TUAN ET AL.	
	Examiner Sabiha Qazi	Art Unit 1616	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

- This communication is responsive to 06 February 2004.

- The allowed claim(s) is/are 1, 2 and 4-1 (re-numbered as 1-10).

- The drawings filed on 06 February 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.

- Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some* c) None of the:

- Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
- Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
- Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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- A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.

- CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.

(a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.

(b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of
Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).

- DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

- Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
- Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
- Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Examiner's Amendment/Comment
- Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
- Other _____.

Examiner's Amendment

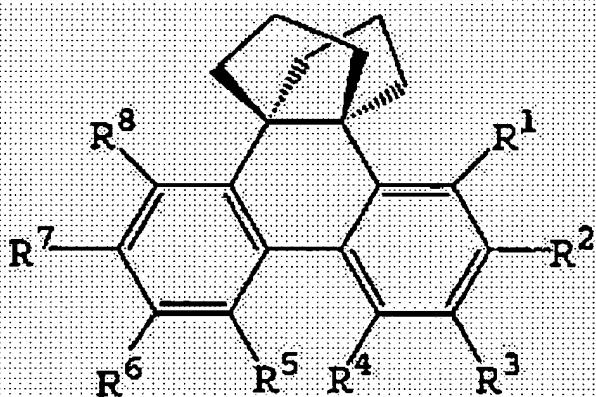
An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Daniel McClure on Tuesday, February 22, 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

- Amend claim 1 by inserting "wherein the conjugated group is a substituted or unsubstituted phenyl, substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group, substituted or unsubstituted polycyclic phenyl, substituted or unsubstituted polycyclic heterocyclic group" after "or a conjugated group".
- Claim 1 is amended to read as follows:

"A phenanthrene compound of formula (I)



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wherein, each R¹, R², R³, R⁴, R⁵, R⁶, R⁷, and R⁸ is independently hydrogen, halogen, C₁₋₆ is alkyl, C₁₋₆ alkoxy, or a conjugated group wherein the conjugated group is a substituted or unsubstituted phenyl, substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group, substituted or unsubstituted polycyclic phenyl, substituted or unsubstituted polycyclic heterocyclic group.

- Cancel claim 3.
- Change the dependency of claim 4 by deleting "3" and inserting "1".

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The closest prior art is AYATS et al¹.

The presently claimed invention is drawn to 9,10-dihydrophenanthrene compounds of formula (I) in claim 1. The presently claimed invention differs from AYATS et al in claiming the saturated fused ring attached to the 9,10-dihydrophenanthrene ring. Furthermore, it differs from the prior art in having no substituents at the fused ring.

Examiner is thankful to Attorney Daniel McClure for his cooperation during the prosecution of this application.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

¹ AN 2003:784844 HCAPLUS, DN 139:395638; Abstract of *Journal of Organic Chemistry* (2003), 68(22), 8715-8718.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sabiha Qazi whose telephone number is (571) 272-0622. The examiner can normally be reached on any business day.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gary Kunz can be reached on (571) 272-0887. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Tuesday, February 22, 2005

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